CLAIMS

1. A process for preparing a drug formulation comprising the steps of:

dissolving a lipid-regulating drug in a solvent free of surfactant to form a drug solution;

premixing an excipient to generate an admixture;

wet granulating the admixture and the drug solution to form a granulated drug admixture; and

drying the granulated admixture.

2. The process of claim 1 wherein the lipid-regulating drug is a fibrate.

3. The process of claim 2 wherein the fibrate is fenofibrate.

4. The process of claim 1 wherein the drying step includes evaporating the solvent.

5. The process of claim 4 wherein the evaporating is performed under vacuum.

6. The process of claim 1 wherein the drying step is accomplished using a fluid bed, tray dryer or rotary atomizer.

7. The process of claim 1 comprising the additional step of adding other excipients.

8. The process of claim 1 comprising the additional step of forming a final dosage form.

9. A process for preparing a drug formulation comprising the steps of:

dissolving a lipid-regulating drug in a solvent free of surfactant to form a drug solution;

premixing an excipient to generate an admixture;

wet granulating the admixture and the drug solution to form a granulated drug admixture;

drying the granulated admixture; and

tableting the dried granulated admixture.

10. A process for preparing a drug formulation comprising the steps of:

dissolving a lipid-regulating drug in a solvent free of surfactant to form a drug solution;

premixing an excipient to generate an admixture;

wet granulating the admixture and the drug solution to form a granulated drug admixture;

drying the granulated admixture; and

filling capsules with the dried granulated admixture.

11. The process of claim 1 wherein the excipient is one or more members selected from the group consisting of lactose, starch, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, magnesium stearate, and other pharmaceutically-acceptable excipients.

12. The process of claim 1 wherein the admixture is granulated in a fluidized bed

13. The process of claim 1 wherein the admixture is granulated in a low shear or high shear mixer.

14. A composition prepared by the process of claim 1.

15. A composition prepared by the process of claim 3.

16. A method for treating of hyperlipidernia comprising the step of administering the final drug formulation prepared by the process of claim 9.

17. A method for treating of hyperlipidernia comprising the step of administering the final drug formulation prepared by the process of claim 10.

18. A method for treating of hyperlipidernia comprising the administration of the formulation prepared by the process of claim 3.